

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"Il Provatore" by the Richings Troupe. Last evening the Richings Troupe gave Verdi's charming opera of Il Provatore at the Academy of Music, before a large audience. The cast embraced Messrs. Drayton, Haigh and H. C. Peakes, Mrs. Bernard, and Mrs. Annie Kemp Bowler. Mrs. Bernard assumed the role of "Leonora," in which she created a very favorable impression last season, which was fully sustained by her performance last evening. Mrs. Annie Kemp Bowler as "Azucena" was not altogether successful, in consequence of her inability to reach the lower notes of her score, which is designed for a pure contralto voice. She is in reality a mezzo soprano. Yet she sang many of the airs with much expression and force, especially the one in the last act commencing "Back to Our Mountains"—the *Al nobile monti* of the Italian version. Mr. Drayton, although apparently suffering from a cold, fully sustained the leading position which he assumed on Monday evening. His personation of the "Conte di Luna" was exceedingly creditable throughout, and his singing of the aria in the second act commencing "Of her smile the radiant gleaming"—the famous *Il Balen* of the Italian version—was given with such energy and precision that the audience vociferously demanded its repetition. The wonderful clearness of his enunciation was again strikingly manifested during the entire evening, every word being pronounced with such distinctness that it required no effort on the part of his auditors to catch its import. It is necessary to give Mrs. Bowler credit also for a fair measure of this rare accomplishment. Mr. Haigh appeared as "Manrico," laboring under such severe indisposition that the management thought it necessary to make an apology for him before the rise of the curtain. Towards the close of the opera, however, he warmed up to his work, acquitting himself very creditably in the duet with "Leonora," at the end of the third act, and the great *sceneria* at the opening of the fourth act. Throughout this act, indeed, he appeared in excellent voice and to much better advantage than on Monday evening, both in acting and singing. The chorus seems to be still at sea, unable to discover the exact whereabouts of the orchestra, but this serious defect we trust will be remedied in a short time, and all the component parts of the troupe brought into perfect harmony with each other.

The City Amusements. AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC the Richings troupe will appear this evening in the Bohemian Girl. The cast will be:—"Thaddeus," Mr. Henry Haigh; "Count Arnhelm," Mr. Henry Drayton; "Devilshoof," Mr. H. C. Peakes; "Arline," Mrs. Bernard. Tomorrow evening *Il Provatore* will be repeated. AT THE WALNUT the drama of *Reaping the Tempest* will be performed for the last time this evening. This play is a real good one of its kind, and the effects as appear to border on extravagance are produced in a much more legitimate and artistic manner than is common in the sensation dramas of the day. Some of the scenes are exceedingly powerful in real dramatic effect; and the meeting between "Jean Paul" and "Marguerite" in the second act, as played by Mrs. Bowers, is particularly fine. The character of the heroine is one that suits Mrs. Bowers' style of acting remarkably well, and the merits of the play and of the performance are such that it is surprising that it has not succeeded in attracting larger audiences. Tomorrow evening Mrs. Bowers will have a benefit, and we hope that the success of the play will turn out in force and make it a success. Mrs. Bowers is a Philadelphia favorite of long standing; she is one of the few American actresses who are capable of representing the highest class of dramatic characters, and in her own line of specialties she is without a rival. Such an artist has claims upon the play-going public which are of a permanent character, and it would be gratifying for her to find by a well-earned house that her old admirers in this city have not forgotten her.

Miss Rose Wood, whose first appearance we noticed a few days ago, promises to be a very popular and attractive addition to the Walnut street company. With an exceedingly pleasing face and graceful figure, and a musical voice, she displays in the comparatively unimportant role entrusted to her in *Reaping the Tempest* abilities as an artist, and we promise well for what she will do in the future. This lady was some years ago the *prima danseuse* at the Arch and Walnut street theatres, and she also performed in the same capacity at other principal theatres throughout the country. As an actress she promises to succeed as well as she did in the ballet, and we cordially welcome so promising an artist to the boards of the Walnut.

GENERALITIES.

The Chicago Water Works. The present tunnel under the lake at Chicago is capable of supplying the city with fifty million gallons of water per day, but Chicago wants more water. A new tunnel larger than the present one in use is now projected, with other water works and engines, which will cost, as estimated, a million and one-half dollars. The new tunnel is to be six feet in diameter, and it is to furnish the same supply to the city as the old one. It is to be a new tunnel, and it is to be a new tunnel, and it is to be a new tunnel. The works undertaken by the Crown will be very expensive, as the country through which the line is to pass is hilly.

The Oyster Season. The approaching oyster season promises to be one of the largest we have had, and both the catchers and packers have made extensive preparations. New houses are being built, and every vessel that can be put into service is either ready, or in a few days. The rumor that the drum fish had destroyed all that were planted in the vicinity of New York will somewhat increase the demand for small oysters to plant, and there is not a dealer in this city that has not very large orders to fill the coming winter. On Monday we saw several boats loaded ready for shipment, and if the weather remains cool, business will commence early this fall. Norfolk Herald.

The Florida Cotton Crop. A Florida paper says:—"Experience has shown that long cotton is the most profitable crop that can be grown in Florida, but not always a successful one, because of the caterpillar. The soil and climate seem peculiarly fitted for it, and the statistics show that it is grown to greater perfection here (in the peninsula) than on the sea island of Georgia and Carolina. This year the great body of our farmers are engaged in its culture, and up to this time it has sustained but little if any injury from the caterpillar. "Already reports are brought to us of farmers having picked out from ten to twenty thousand pounds, and it is yet early in the season, and can hardly be said to have commenced to open fairly. The prospects ahead are, that there will be more cotton raised in this country than is likely to be picked out. Good crops are something much needed by our farmers, they having had miserably poor ones since the year 1856."

Forests Burning in Maryland. The Snow Hill (Worcester county, Md.) Messenger, of Saturday, the 4th, says:—"A fire broke out in the forest, in the northern part of this county, near the Belaire line, on last Monday, and, in consequence of the dry weather, spread very rapidly, burning through the swamp, and in its progress destroying several fields of corn. All efforts to stay its course were fruitless, and up to our last advices it was still burning, and no prospect of its being stopped. Unless this section is blessed with rain, which, from present indications, we have little ground to hope for. Since the above was in type we have received the following from Berlin:—"The extensive tract of land, known as the 'Burnt Swamp,' a few miles north of here, has been on fire for two weeks. Everything that can burn is being consumed, dense clouds of smoke are wafted into the air, filling the dwellings, and making it very unpleasant, particularly at night. Colonel Jacobs and others are heavy sufferers by the loss of the cypress timber. Nothing short of a moderate flood will be likely to arrest its progress."

Almost a Murder. A number of horse races were arranged to come off at Warwick, Queen Anne's county, Md., on Wednesday last. Some disputes arising, most of them were withdrawn. A race between Benjamin Crawford's mare, before Fair, and a horse belonging to Colonel L. Roberts, for \$100 a side, was won by Colonel Roberts' horse by three or four lengths. Distance 440 yards. Mr. Crawford's mare died in about ten minutes after the race. The *Cronopolitan* says that the cry of murder a short distance from the course attracted the attention of the crowd. Some ran to the spot and found Frederick Gillespie, son of the proprietor of the hotel, and Joseph Dixon, engaged in a struggle. Dixon had Gillespie grasped tightly round the body, and Gillespie had a pistol which he held to Dixon's back, vainly endeavoring to cock and fire. The pistol was taken away and the men separated. Dixon is charged with seducing Gillespie's sister, and this is the reason assigned for Gillespie endeavoring to kill Dixon.

The Boston Coliseum. From the Boston Journal. The building has passed from the control of the Peace Jubilee Association into the hands of the builders, Messrs. James & Sears, who are obliged to remove the same before the first of October. How to dispose of the building is a question which is now under consideration. There are very many applicants for mementoes of this grand event, and a plan is under consideration to dispose of the building and contents by a grand art union. It is proposed to give three concerts, admittance one dollar, which shall also entitle the holder to a lithographic view of the Coliseum and a ticket in the general distribution. The building itself will be the grand prize. It will have to be taken down, but there is lumber enough in it to build a small settlement. The paintings of King David, St. Cecilia, and the Angel of Peace, and the flags and coat of arms of the States, will also be distributed by ticket.

Reminiscences of Illinois Senators. From the Chicago Republican, Sept. 4. Senator Trumbull has returned from his Western tour, much invigorated and benefitted by the trip. The mountain breezes and the sun of the plains have bronzed his cheek to a very gratifying ruddy hue, and the elasticity of his step shows a decided increase of vitality. The Senator received enthusiastic demonstrations along the route, and from his personal observations will be enabled to legislate intelligently for the interests of the vast territory he has traversed. It gives us more than ordinary pleasure to perceive so decided an improvement in the Senator's health as the result of his journey, which, we trust, may long be preserved for the good of the State he represents so ably in national councils.

A private letter from Senator Yates' party recounts their adventures to Salt Lake, which place they visited August 25. The party embraces Senator Yates and son, Senators Kellogg and Harris, of Louisiana, and Hon. Clark E. Carr, of Galveston, Ill. A graphic description is given of a ride down the mountain, from Sherman, on the cove-nanter of an engine, at the rate of over fifty miles an hour, after which the adventurers concluded to enjoy the scenery from the windows of the drawing-room car the following day. The party then left the party in Salt Lake City, and displayed an anxiety that Utah should be admitted as a State, considering, doubtless, that under his manipulation the Legislature would pass such laws as would enable him to retain control of the Territory, which he feels is fast slipping from his hands. The party enjoyed good health and spirits, and are now on the coast of the Pacific.

Thurlow Weed's Courtship. The following is a passage from the autobiography of Mr. Weed. "While working for Colonel William L. Stone, in the office of the Herkimer American, in the winter of 1818, I became acquainted with a bright, intelligent German boy, whose name, after a lapse of fifty-seven years, is a universal household word, and whose face is familiar to every man, woman and child in our country. He was the son of a German clergyman, who preached in that language to German congregations, and residing a couple of miles outside the village. The boy, then about twenty years old, attending an English school in the village, was very fond of newspaper reading, and came every day to the printing office to read and to borrow, for night reading at home, our exchange papers. I was more particularly interested in him, perhaps from the circumstance that in the morning he brought notes from, and in the evenings carried responses to, a young lady visiting a married sister who resided near his father's house, and who six years afterwards became my wife. That German boy subsequently represented the Herkimer District in Congress, and is now the Treasurer of the United States—Francis E. Spinner.

"Donnie Spinner was much respected for his learning and piety. He was the first person I had ever seen with a long beard. The second was Lorenzo Dow, whom I heard preach in an open field from a log. When his discourse was concluded, he gave notice that he should preach from the same log, God willing, that day four months, naming the chapter and verse of his text."

—A Western paper thus does up a recent "incident" in immortal verse, and the Hartford Courant reproduces it:—"I told you a story about Mr. Borie, and then my story began, how beautiful daughter saved her life from the water, and now my story's undone—for Borie hasn't any daughter."

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MARRIED. BAKER—KEARNS.—On Thursday evening, the 22d inst., at the Parsonage, No. 152 Franklin street, by Rev. William H. Wood, Mr. JAMES K. BAKER to Miss ELLIZA J. KEARNS, both of this city.

DIED. M. GAY.—On Wednesday morning, September 8, after a lingering illness, NATHANIEL, youngest son of Alexander and Mary McKay. His male friends are invited to meet the remains on their arrival at the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot on tomorrow (Friday) evening, at 7 o'clock. The funeral will be at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. J. P. Bechtel, No. 28 N. Eleventh street, at a quarter before 12 o'clock, to convey his friends to the Depot. Interment at Rosehill Cemetery. M. MOONEY.—On the 8th inst., MARY ANN MOONEY, the relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of James Duffy, 1021 Christian street, on Saturday morning at 8 1/2 o'clock. S. NYDER.—Suddenly, on the 5th inst., JOSEPH S. NYDER, in the 67th year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, on Cortlandt avenue, on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

COPARTNERSHIPS. THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of CORNELIUS & BAKER was dissolved by mutual consent on July 1, 1869. The business of the manufactory will be settled and closed by ROBERT CORNELIUS, at No. 21 CHESTNUT STREET, and that of the store by ISAAC F. BAKER, at No. 71 CHESTNUT STREET.

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